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For: BIODEGRADABLE AND/OR

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The following Amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on January 6, 2005. Accordingly, the Amendment is being filed along with a Petition for a one (1) month extension of time. Based upon the amendments and remarks set forth below, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.